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1. DURING RECENT U.S. VISIT OF FMG OFFICIALS, DR. OYEKAN OF MOI AGREED TO DIAMOND SHAMROCK (DS) VISIT TO NIGERIA DURING EARLY PART OF AUGUST FOR PURPOSES OF STUDYING

PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT IN ORDER TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON TECHNICAL PARTNERSHIP BY END OF OCTOBER. GEORGE WILDEMAN OF DS HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONFIRM TIMING OF VISIT WITH DR. OYEKAN IN LETTER SENT JULY 6 AND CABLE SENT JULY 20, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED RESPONSE. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S CONTACTING DR. OYEKAN TO ASSURE HE HAS RECEIVED CORRESPONDENCE AND TO SEE IF TEAM VISIT WEEK OF AUGUST 14 CONVENIENT. WILDEMAN SAYS THAT DR. OYEKAN HAD OFFERED TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. WILDEMAN HAS CABLED IKOYI AND
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FEDERAL PALACE, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE DR. OYEKAN COULD PROVIDE IN CONFIRMING RESERVATION.

2. WILDEMAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALLAN BAILEY AND OWEN GENTRY. TEAM PREPARED TO STAY IN NIGERIA ENTIRE WEEK

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OF AUGUST 14 AND AS MUCH OF THE NEXT WEEK AS NECESSARY.

3. TEAM WISHES TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE EMBASSY PERSONNEL INCLUDING PETOFF ATCHLEY. WILDEMAN WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS WITH U.S. BANKS AND OTHER U.S. FIRMS IN NIGERIA TO GET FEEL FOR PROCEDURES AND PROBLEMS OF DOING BUSINESS. WILDEMAN MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY PETER BATES OF CHASE MANHATTAN AND BANK OF AMERICA, WESTINGHOUSE AND ITT, CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES AND COMPANIES WITH INVESTMENT IN NIGERIAN MANUFACTURING FACILITIES (PREFERABLY NOT OIL COMPANIES). IF EMBASSY FEELS APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO TEAM'S ARRIVAL, WILDEMAN ASSURES THAT AT LEAST ONE TEAM MEMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS AT ANY TIME EMBASSY ARRANGES.

4. PLEASE ADVISE OF OYEKAN'S RESPONSE SOONEST, AS TEAM PLANS TO LEAVE U.S. AUGUST 11. CHRISTOPHER

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